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IN STORY HEADLINED "NEW CLASH LIKELY WITH US OVER FREIGHT RATES," DATED WASHINGTON MAY 27, TODAY'S FINANCIAL TIMES REPORTED ADMIRAL HARLEE TESTIMONY BEFORE JEC SUBCOMMITTEE.

QUOTES ADMIRAL HARLEE AS REVEALING THAT STATE DEPT WAS ASKING MARITIME NATIONS TO "EXPLAIN OR REMEDY" DISCRIMINATORY ACTION BY FOREIGN SHIPPING CONFERENCES WHICH THE FMC CLAIMS TO HAVE DISCOVERED.

STORY SAYS ADMIRAL HARLEE STATED CATEGORICALLY THAT THE US EXPORTER WAS BEING HARSHLY DISCRIMINATED AGAINST.

QUOTES SENATOR DOUGLAS AS LOUDLY PROCLAIMING: "LET THESE FIGURES BE WRITTEN IN LETTERS OF FLAMING FIRE."

STORY GOES ON TO DESCRIBE ADMIRAL HARLEE'S TESTIMONY CONCERNING THE ONE TRADE ROUTE AS TO WHICH THE ONLY FULL STUDY HAS THUS FAR BEEN MADE, BUT QUOTES ADMIRAL HARLEE AS STATING THAT THE INDICATIONS WERE THAT THE SAME SITUATION PERTAINS IN OTHER ROUTES.

STORY IN FINANCIAL TIMES LIKELY RAISE QUESTIONS, ESPECIALLY ON QUOTATION THAT STATE DEPT ASKING NATIONS TO EXPLAIN OR REMEDY, AND EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON TESTIMONY AND ITS IMPLICATIONS. BRUCE
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